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SUBJECT: RESULTS OF MOROCCAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN

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1. HIGH-LEVEL MOROCCAN DELEGATION TO SPAIN HEADED BY
MINISTER OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND MERCHANT MARINE
ABDELLATIF GHISSASSI RETURNED TO RABAT ON DEC 23 AFTER THREE
DAYS OF APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON BILATERAL
ECONOMIC ISSUES. DELEGATION INCLUDED MOHAMED KARIM LAMRANI,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF PHOSPHATES OFFICE (OCP), ZINE ABIDINE
ALAOU, MFA DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND DAHMAN LAYACHI,
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NATIONAL FISHING OFFICE (ONP). PRESS
PLAYED UP GHISSASSI'S AUDIENCE WITH KING JUAN CARLOS, TO
WHOM HE PRESENTED A MESSAGE FROM KING HASSAN. DELEGATION
ALSO MET WITH SPANISH FONMIN OREJA, MINISTERS OF COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY AND PRIVATE BUSINESSMEN. DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON
STRENGTHENING COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
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FOCUS ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY AND SPANISH PARTICIPATION IN
CONSTRUCTION OF THE NADOR STEEL COMPLEX, ACCORDING TO PRESS
ACCOUNTS.

2. SPANISH AMBASSADOR ALABART CONFIDED DEC 27 THAT
MOROCCAN/SPANISH FISHING AGREEMENT HAD IN FACT BEEN REACHED

BY GHISSASSI IN MADRID. AGREEMENT HAD NOT BEEN PUBLICIZED AS IT REMAINED TO BE RATIFIED BY SPAIN. ALABART DID NOT BELIEVE RATIFICATION WOULD BE A PROBLEM. THE AMBASSADOR HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT FROM MADRID BUT UNDERSTOOD THAT IT BALANCED SPANISH AND MOROCCAN DESIRES SATISFACTORILY, AND INVOLVED GRADUAL ABSORPTION OF SPANISH FISHING VESSELS INTO MOROCCAN FISHING INDUSTRY. AGREEMENT HAD ALSO BEEN ACHIEVED ON WIDE RANGE OF OTHER ISSUES, INCLUDING SPANISH INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION IN THE NADOR STEEL COMPLEX. SPAIN HAD AGREED TO EXTEND A LINE OF CREDIT ON MATERIALS GOM MAY WISH TO PURCHASE IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMPLEX. MANY ASPECTS OF THIS BROAD COOPERATION WERE YET TO BE NEGOTIATED IN DETAIL, SPANISH AMBASSADOR INDICATED. MEANWHILE IN RABAT, HE NOTED, A SPANISH DELEGATION HAD RESOLVED QUESTION OF COMPENSATION FOR SPANISH GOVERNMENT PROPERTIES TURNED OVER TO MOROCCO. ASKED WHETHER SPAIN WAS STILL IN THE RUNNING WITH RESPECT TO MESKALA PHOSPHATES PROJECT (WHICH HAS LONG BEEN OF INTEREST TO USSR), SPANISH AMB STATED EMPHATICALLY THIS WAS THE CASE. HE SUMMED UP THAT WITH A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING CONTENTIOUS ISSUES THUS RESOLVED, PROSPECTS FOR OVERALL SPANISH/MOROCCAN RELATIONS WERE DECIDEDLY IMPROVED.

3. COMMENT: SPANISH/MOROCCAN RELATIONS SEEM TO HAVE MEASURABLY IMPROVED SINCE KING'S COMMENTS IN PARIS ON PLANS TO VISIT SPAIN AND HIS DISPLAY OF MODERATION ON THE SPANISH ENCLAVES. GROUND NOW APPEARS PREPARED FOR KING HASSAN'S VISIT TO SPAIN, WHICH HE HAS PROJECTED PUBLICLY FOR EARLY SPRING.

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